

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2359 – HB 2675

March 6, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes county or district health departments, if approved by the Department of Health (DOH), to establish and operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program on petition of the county legislative body and approval by the DOH.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$1,775,000/Permissive

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014319): Deletes and replaces language of the proposed legislation such that the only substantive change is declaring these programs are to be entirely funded by the county legislative body making petition to the county or district health department.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There are six metro health departments who report to their county mayors. They receive funding from the state health department for some of their activities.
- There are 89 rural health departments that are state funded.
- Based on a 2008 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it costs approximately \$177,500 to run a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program.
- Assuming 10 percent, or 10 $[(6 + 89) \times 10.0\%]$, county or district health departments establish and operate a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program, the permissive increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$1,775,000 (10 exchange programs x \$177,500).
- Based on information provided by the DOH, the DOH can accommodate any approvals utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

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- The provisions of the proposed legislation could result in possible savings resulting from a decline in expenditures related to the treatment of HIV, hepatitis C, and other blood-borne diseases amount drug users. The time and extent of any savings cannot be quantified with any certainty.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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